

**Breast Histology Coding Rules – Text  
C500-C509**

(Excludes lymphoma and leukemia M9590-9989 and Kaposi sarcoma M9140)

**MULTIPLE TUMORS ABSTRACTED AS A SINGLE PRIMARY**

**Rule H20** Code the histology documented by the physician when there is **no pathology/cytology specimen** or the **pathology/cytology** report is **not available**.

*Note 1:* Priority for using documents to code the histology

- Documentation in the medical record that refers to pathologic or cytologic findings
- Physician's reference to type of cancer (histology) in the medical record
- Mammogram
- PET scan
- Ultrasound

*Note 2:* Code the specific histology when documented.

*Note 3:* Code the histology to 8000 (cancer/malignant neoplasm, NOS) or 8010 (carcinoma, NOS) as stated by the physician when nothing more specific is documented.

**Rule H21** Code the histology from a metastatic site when there is **no pathology/cytology specimen from the primary site**.

*Note:* Code the behavior /3.

**Rule H22** Code **8530** (inflammatory carcinoma) only when the final diagnosis of the **pathology** report specifically **states inflammatory carcinoma**.

*Note:* Record dermal lymphatic invasion in Collaborative Staging

**Rule H23** Code the histology when only **one histologic type** is identified.

**Rule H24** Code **8543/2** (in situ Paget disease and intraductal carcinoma) (**Table 3**) when the **pathology** report **specifically states** that the **Paget disease is in situ and the underlying tumor is intraductal carcinoma** (Table 1).

*Note:* Change the behavior to 2 (in situ) in accordance with the ICD-O-3 matrix principle (ICD-O-3 Rule F).

**Rule H25** Code **8543/3** (Paget disease and intraductal carcinoma) for **Paget disease and intraductal carcinoma** (**Table 3**).

*Note 1:* ICD-O-3 classifies all mammary Paget disease as a malignant process with a malignant behavior (/3).

*Note 2:* Includes both invasive Paget disease and Paget disease with behavior not stated. *Note 3:* Use Table 1 to identify intraductal carcinomas.

**Rule H26** Code **8541/3** (Paget disease and infiltrating duct carcinoma) for **Paget disease and invasive duct carcinoma**. (**Table 3**).

*Note 1:* ICD-O-3 classifies all mammary Paget disease as a malignant process with a malignant behavior (/3).

*Note 2:* Includes both invasive Paget disease and Paget disease with behavior not stated.

*Note 3:* Use Table 2 to identify duct intraductal carcinomas